survival, welfare and development of girl child. One such scheme is the Cradle or Palna Scheme for rescue of abandoned girl children.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The subject of 'Child Welfare' is a State subject and the State Governments are also undertaking awareness and education programmes about the girl child.

Supplementary nutrition for children, adolescent girls and women

2244. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Supreme Court's directive issued on 29th April, 2004 that all 0 to 5 years old children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and nursing mothers shall receive supplementary nutrition for 300 days in a year has not been implemented and Court has directed in December, 2006 all the Chief Secretaries to personally explain why children and mothers in the country were still starving; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to adopt that the Supreme Court's direction is implemented by the State Governments and what were the constraints that did not allow them to implement the same since April, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In a PIL filed by the People's Union of Civil Liberties, the Supreme Court, *vide* its order dated 13.12.2006, has, *inter-alia,* directed the Chief Secretaries of some States to appear personally to explain as to why its earlier orders requiring implementation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme were not obeyed.

(b) The ICDS Scheme is a Centrally sponsored Scheme being implemented through the States/UTs. The States have been requested by the Government to comply with the orders of the Apex Court. In compliance of aforesaid direction, the States/UTs are required to file an affidavit explaining the constraints, if any, in implementation of the Scheme as per the directions of the Court issued from time to time.